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THE WEEK ON THE FRUITLAND BENCH

By MRS. R. G. WILSON

Miss Hilley of Harper returned to city this week.

Wednesday the members of the Mutual Benefit club motored to Weiser and spent the day with Mrs. Beckford Kutch, who proved herself a most royal hostess.

Miss Lella Fisher and Mary Shanks and James McClure and Wendell Brown autoed to Weiser Sunday to spend the day at the H. Shank home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilson and Mrs. Ratekin of Boise autoed to Boise Monday. Miss Ica Wilson who has been visiting her grandmother for a week will return home with her parents.

Grandma Wilson came down from New Plymouth for a few weeks visit at her son's home, J. E. Wilson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rich and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Dalzell and Paul autoed to Boise Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Harper spent Sunday with Mr. Harper's parents at Emmett. They also attended the Lyons-Higgins meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meyers of Portland, cousins of H. E. Wilfong, who are motoring thru Montana and Wyoming, where he has been buying sheep spent a few hours Monday at the Wilfong home on their way west.

A. S. Worth, H. E. Wilfong, Geo. Darnelland, Leo Clayton went up above Banks where they will hunt for big game.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Colwell entertained at dinner Sunday Mrs. Sarah Brocklehurst of Clinton, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Q. T. Stout of Payette, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Colwell of New Plymouth, Mrs. H. J. Puchert and Miss Irene and Mrs. Zylpha Puchert.

The program as carried out by the W. H. M. S., of the Methodist church Friday evening gave an insight into the work done by this organization with the help of the Queen Esther. The auxiliary society here are supporting a little four year old girl in the Portland Industrial school at Portland. The Queen Esthers are carrying a scholarship in the Methodist school at Olive Hill, Kentucky. The funds earned will be used for this work.

During the first fire drill last week the school house was emptied of the 300 children and over in 41 seconds.

Announcements—Lutheran Ladies aid at Mrs. Alex Johnson this Friday. Frances Willard W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. J. H. Boor Oct 26th in Whitley Bottom.

The R. W. Richardson family were guests at the Frank Akers home in Ontario, Sunday.

Rev. Koenig has accepted a call to Boise Wright Congregational church and gave his farewell address Sunday.

J. R. Bryant went to Kimberly last Thursday and returned the first of the week.

Mrs. J. J. Ticknor of La Grande arrived last week at her son's home. Rev. Ticknor came down Monday for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Davis returned Sunday from their trip to Pocatello and Salt Lake.

Rev. J. E. Shamberger preached in the Brethren church at Weiser Friday evening and was a guest of his daughter, Mrs. H. Shank and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Solterbeck visited the Anton Dietrichsen home at Payette last Wednesday.

P. N. Van Derkar is seriously ill at his home with pneumonia. Nurse Jacobson of Payette is with him. Drs. Drysdale of New Plymouth and Paine of Ontario held consultation Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stettler, Miss Rupp and Fred Rodger autoed to Arrow Rock dam last Thursday. They stopped at the Newcomb out-door-life camp and enjoyed the fishing and duck hunting. They returned home Sunday.

J. H. Bkers and family went to Weiser Friday to attend the lovefeast in the Brethren church at that place. They returned home Sunday.

Chas. Smith drove to Nampa with a load for his brothers, Wm. and Philip, last week returning Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powell took Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Thomas to Weiser in their car Sunday where they visited Mr. Thomas' niece and husband, Prof. and Mrs. Gnagay.

Elsie Wayne of Payette is helping at the L. H. Higby home.

Mrs. J. C. Giesler and John, Mrs. Carry Tussing and children drove to Big Willow Sunday to visit Messrs. Giesler and Tussing.

Mrs. A. J. Hansel of Boise is visiting relatives and friends in Payette this week.

Miss Selma Johnson went to Boise last week to visit Miss Esther, who is teaching out of Boise some distance, she returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dane Jones visited the Henry Martin home near Payette Sunday. Mrs. Jones remained for a long visit.

T. Brown of Baker City stopped for a short visit at the John Rands home Friday on his return trip from Nevada.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rands spent Sunday at the P. Enberg home.

Mrs. E. L. Davis has rented rooms of Mrs. Moore at Payette and will keep house for her son, Chas. Mr. Davis expects to be away from home this winter.

H. J. Puchert received the sad news Friday of the death of his father at Wood River, Nebr., Mr. Puchert left Friday noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parsons from near Payette spent Sunday at the W. A. Moreland home.

W. O. Marlar received word Friday of the death of his father at Chetopa, Kansas. Mr. Marlar was at Emmett and did not get the word until Saturday, too late to reach his father's home for the funeral. He was 100 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Colwell of New

Plymouth spent the week end with the W. A. Colwell and H. B. Kinnison families.

Jim Conway, who is stopping at the Maneman home, visited his home at Dead Ox Flat Sunday.

Mary Pritzel is at Brogan, Oregon, packing apples.

Dr. Hylton of New Plymouth and J. W. Boor autoed to Brogan Sunday, returning Monday.

Jesse Riffle came home from La Grande Thursday.

Miss Edith Johnson of Payette spent the week end with her brother, Levi Johnson, and family.

Mrs. J. W. Boor was taken quite ill Sunday but was reported better Monday.

Wm. Melcher, Bert and Miss Gertie Melcher are at Ironside.

Guy Welch of Fairfield is visiting the H. R. Plack and Geo. Frank homes. Mr. Welch is on his way to Weiser. He tells of a very narrow escape he had one day last week, when the mailman drove into his yard for shelter from a storm, and was instantly killed by lightning, as well as a horse that stood near Mr. Welch was knocked unconscious.

Mr. Webb, New Plymouth's hog buyer was in our town Monday.

Miss Rene Eldredge spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Bingham at Arcadia, Oregon.

Prof. T. R. Neilson is sick and unable to be in school this week.

Emell Schmid left Sunday for Moscow.

Mrs. P. N. Yockey went to Boise the middle of the week to visit friends. She will also visit her parents at Parma.

Ralph Machinson goes to Parma this week.

Misses Ethel Mackinson, Ruth and Rachel Baney and Art and Tom Eldredge and Kenneth Greip autoed to Caldwell Sunday.

The L. D. Carpenter family and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carpenter visited friends at Crystal Bottom Sunday.

Marion and Helen Stettler stayed at the Madsen home while their parents were on their trip to Arrowrock dam.

Mrs. J. L. Davis is having the la gripe.

Mrs. Amanda Cook of Vale visited her niece, Mrs. M. A. Smith and her nephew, P. E. Silkett and families, several days last week. Rev. S. L. Cook of Caldwell came Sunday and his mother accompanied him home.

Miss Phebe Ringer of New Plymouth was a week end visitor of her sister, Mrs. E. Silkett.

Frank Joiner of Nampa visited his friends the Messrs. Fuller, Saturday.

Lou and Till Ramey were home visitors Sunday. Lou was not well enough to return to his work Monday.

Mrs. Sadie Shank spent Thursday and Friday with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Brubaker in Payette.

Mrs. G. L. Smith and children of Ontario were at the M. A. Smith home Saturday.

P. E., E. E. and C. E. Silkett and F. Barnard autoed to Letha Sunday.

E. W. Birge of Hood River, Oregon, who is manager of the Apple Growers association was in town Thursday looking for packers.

Mrs. Clarence Kaufman and children returned to New Plymouth Thursday.

Miss Kaufman accompanied them returning home Saturday.

The N. A. Felthouse family spent Sunday at the A. B. Eldredge home.

Mrs. Nettie Yarger from Illinois is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ebey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Leavelle of Fargo, Idaho, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McConnell of Joplin, Mo., visited the R. S. Butch home Wednesday.

Mrs. C. M. Williams, Mrs. Blanche Homan, Ray Lee and Loyal Troxel returned from Home Oregon, last week.

Mrs. Irene Clarke of Harbor Springs, Mich., arrived last Friday for an extended visit with her girlhood friend, Mrs. Theo. Moyer.

H. R. Plack, D. L. Ingard, O. E. Bossen, T. O. Ady and G. McGee autoed to Boise Friday and purchased a larger pump for the school house. Mr. McGee returned with a Ford roadster.

Lee Troxel went to Huntington where he has a position in the O. S. L. offices.

Mrs. C. M. Williams and Leota Lockhart and Mrs. P. H. Krost left Tuesday for Hood River to pack apples.

Mrs. Chas. Zaller of Pocatello visited the Dixon home and her sister, Miss Drough in Payette last week. This week she is visiting the N. Zaller home.

W. A. Colwell went to Midvale this week where he has carpenter work.

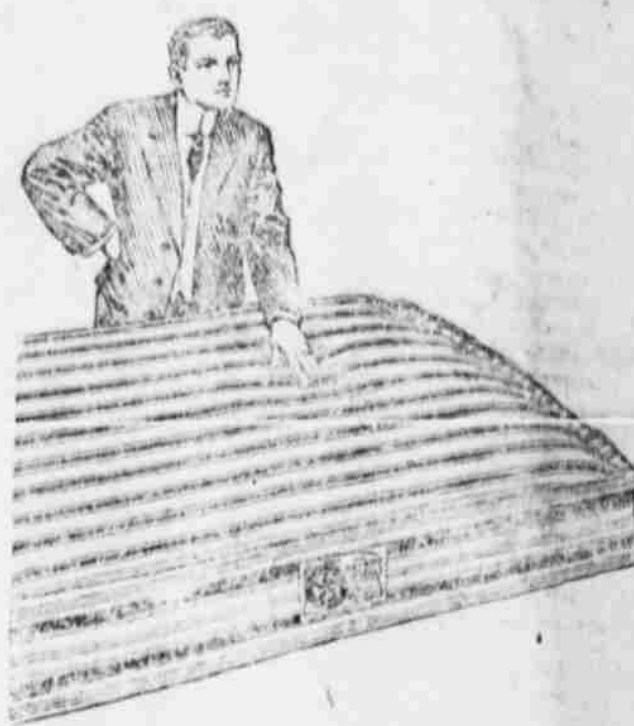
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kingsbury and Mr. and Mrs. Bishop autoed to Weiser Friday to hear Senator Borah.

Representative D. L. Ingard and H. R. Russel, candidates for senator and assessor on the democratic ticket went to Caldwell Monday for a campaign trip.

Mrs. Sadie Altizer of Boise spent Sunday at the L. Flock home.

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Miss May Brundage was the guest of Mrs. Culbertson, of Payette, Sunday.

A. Grimes was a Nampa visitor last week bringing home a new Dork car for which he is agent.

Ray Troxel left Monday for Huntington where he has work in the railroad yards, checking out cars.

Mr. and Mrs. Capron visited the Ed. Berry home and Mrs. C. U. Stover, who has lately returned from Portland at Ontario Sunday.

Little Edith Hazeltine met with a painful accident Sunday when she ran into a barb wire fence cutting her face so badly that Dr. Drysdale was called.

E. C. Fourot of Caldwell was a business visitor this week.

The C. E.'s gave a reception to the teachers Saturday evening in Epworth hall. The room was tastefully furnished like a home. A game that afforded a good deal of amusement and music was the pinning of a line or name of some song on the backs of those present and they guessing what it was as others hummed the tune. In the state guessing contest Clyde Mackinson won showing he was well acquainted with the shapes of all the states. Light refreshments were served.

The B. Y. P. U. held their monthly social and business meeting at the Homan home last Tuesday evening. These young people voted to pay \$30 to support a Chinese high school student. About 25 were present and spent a most enjoyable evening after the business session.

A load of the B. Y. P. U. went to New Plymouth Tuesday evening to attend the revival services being held there by Rev. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Deal had as Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bohannon of Payette and Mr. and Mrs. Galen Bollinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Patheal entertained the A. H. McConnell family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ramey had as guests Sunday the Fred Hurd family of Payette, the Chas. Duell family and Russel Thompson.

M. M. Hurst shipped last week five cars of baled hay he had baled and purchased from Ira Melcher. It was loaded at Buckingham station.

The Brethren people hauled gravel Monday and built a cement walk along the east side of their church Tuesday. The ladies of the church served a big dinner for the men.

REPORT SETS FORTH MANY INJUSTICES OF VALUATIONS

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ation at present, and one member favors such taxation.

If classification is made and then examination and assessment made as to producing ability; cost of manipulation and cultivation, making the classified price the maximum of a certain district, we see no way in which equality can be secured. In the opinion of your committee, if lands of a district are to be classified, such classification should be adhered to. Cultivated land is cultivated land and uncultivated land is uncultivated land, in the classification of the district, and should have the same assessed valuation. If a certain piece of land is below these standards it should be so classified on the rolls and assessed in accordance with the classification.

Orchards come under the classification of cultivated land. There is no classification of orchards as such. Now note where this leaves us. On the roll Joseph Conselmo, on the 116 acres constituting the Idanha orchards, which has changed hands at \$100,000 is assessed at \$4,640, which places a cash valuation on this great property of \$11,600. This property changed hands at \$100,000 prior to construction of their great dryer which they claim to be the largest and most complete in Oregon and which is assessed as improvements at \$4000.

Compare this assessment with Dead Ox lands at \$10 or Owyhee alfalfa lands at \$40 per acre. The famous Willis orchard at Brogan is assessed at \$560 and we find a notation on the rolls of cultivated land of this orchard of \$15 per acre. Other lands in the district are assessed at \$20 per acre.

Of the road lands; section 17 in 18-45, of the O. W. C. Co., is assessed at \$20 per acre while that of the E. O. L. Co., two miles distant in 17-44 is assessed at \$3 per acre. These lands are similar in every respect, one classified as dry which it is; the other as cultivated, and irrigated which it is not.

No discrimination appears between section 17 and section 8 in 18-45 but section 8 is exactly similar to that of the E. O. L. Co., in 17-44, two miles distant. Both sections 17 and 8 were raised over the 1915 assessment from \$3 in 1915 to \$20 in 1916

with no change in the condition of the land. In fact one piece was assessed at \$40 per acre or double as other land in that district.

In the Jamieson section we find the celebrated Fotheringham ranch is nearly all assessed at \$11 per acre being classified as non-tillable, while other lands of similar character, but of less value, adjoining assessed at \$20 per acre.

We compare the W. half of W. 1/4 of SE quarter of section 6-18-47, owned by Kahout and Nelson, assessed in 1915 at \$2400 or \$30 per acre while in 1916 at \$240 or \$3 per acre. Land surrounding this property assessed at from \$20 to \$40 per acre under similar classification.

C. S. Hancock in lot 1-17-47 is assessed in 1916 for 38 acres at \$10 per acre while in 1915 nearly times as much. This is on the Snake river on Dead Ox.

Andrew Jensen on section 22-18-44, was classified in 1915 and the past at \$3 and \$1.25 land and total valuation for 320 acres of \$960. There is and can be no water on property, the classification applying fair. In 1916 the same land raised to a total valuation of \$10,000 while land lower and adjoining raising large crops of hay is assessed \$20.

Dave Dunbar on the NW quarter of section 16-18-46 is classified non-tillable and assessed at \$100 the 160 acres. This property changed hands some time since at \$20.

Your committee is of the opinion that the present classification is active of unsatisfactory conditions giving neighbors ideas of inequity and creates a difficulty in setting values by outside investors.

Homesteaders are discriminated against by having their lands assessed at a rate much closer to the cash value than are other lands in the county, for \$3 per acre nearly represents the cash value of dry land homesteads than does represent the cash value of lands on Dead Ox and under the string ditch.

B. B. WOOD, Chairman

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